

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>5 Mar 58</u>	2. LOCATION <u>George AFB, Calif.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <u>Meteor</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>06/0324Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5-10 secs</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>West</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ball of fire w/tail, size of dime, very bright white. Tail approx 50 times longer than obj.			11. COMMENTS Description definitely suggests a meteor.

1 Witness

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TIME AND DATE OF SIGNING:

1) 060324Z MARCH 1958

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17. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:  
(1) SHAPE: LIKE A METEOR, BALL OF FIRE WITH TAIL

(2) SIZE: DIME

(3) COLOR: WHITE, VERY BRIGHT

(4) NUMBER: ONE (1)

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) TAIL APPROXIMATELY 50 TIMES LONGER THAN OBJECT:

*Note tail size*

*Good description  
has suggestions  
a  
particular  
Good  
clear*

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B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBSERVERS WERE LOOKING FOR AN AIRCRAFT IN THE LANDING  
PATTERN WHEN THEY SAW OBJECT.

(2) ANGLE OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: 70 DEGREES

(3) ANGLE OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE: 10 DEGREES

AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE: 270 DEGREES

(4) FLIGHT PATH: STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

(5) DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE WEST

(6) OBJECT VISIBLE FROM 5-10 SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

SUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVEES:

(1) 34 DEGREES 36' N-277 DEGREES 20' W

(2) GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE CALIFORNIA, CONTROL TOWER

F. OBSERVERS

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T/SGT JAMES L. DUNCANAF -19364140

2541 AACS DET. GAFB-EST-RELIABLE

A72: EDWARD T9 NIKOLEWSKI AF-19552601

1925-1 AACS DET. GAFB-35-RELIABLE

G. WEATHER

(2) CLEAR

(2) 6,000' 240 DEGREES 28 KNOTS

10,000' 230 DEGREES 28 KNOTS

16,000' 240 DEGREES 35 KNOTS

22,000' 210 DEGREES 38 KNOTS

50,000' 270 DEGREES 27 KNOTS

80,000' 240 DEGREES 26 KNOTS

05200Z OBSERVATION

(3) CEILING - CLEAR

(4) VISIBILITY 6 MILES - HAZE

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: NONE

(6) NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. B-26 ACFT, FLYING IN LANDING PATTERN, HEADING 340 DEGREES 4,000'



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K. 1/LT EDWARD L. RUEGG ASST. INTELL. ~~OFFICER~~ 831ST AIR DIV

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PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THIS SIGHTING INDICATES THAT ~~IS~~ <sup>THIS</sup> WAS  
PROBABLY A METEOR. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT AS GIVEN BY THE  
TWO OBSERVERS SEEMS TO CONFIRM THIS ESTIMATE. HOWEVER, IT IS  
WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THIS OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN

AN EARTH SATELLITE

~~DETERMINING~~ <sup>DETERMINING</sup> TE VEHICLE. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO MEANS OF CONT-US  
~~DETERMINING~~ THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY.

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No orbital tracks  
indicate NO! No tail  
on earth satellites - unless  
photographed with slow or  
med. speed shutter.

Pub Astro / meteorite